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This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith.

A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language references is enclosed. Also, JP 3-67902, JP 8-49854 and JP 11-141881 are discussed on page 1 of the present Specification thereby satisfying the relevancy requirements.

US Patent No. 5,865,108 corresponds to US Patent No. 5,649,476. US Patent No. 6,008,482 corresponds to JP Patent No. 9-4849.

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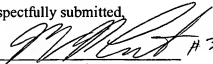
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